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Then, it would appear that, owing to both commercial and political reasons, Germany, and for the latter reason, Austria-Hungary, would be drawn towards the United States and Great Britain. As to the course of Russia, no one can safely speculate, after her unnatural alliance with France.

But we hope there is no "unless" involved in the matter. We hope that the discussion of the question is academic without qualification. We would fain believe that the cry "to the victors belong the spoils" that has been raised in connection with the Philippines is only an ebullition of the excitement of victory and that sober second thought, calm statesmanship, and the lesson of experience, will assert themselves, to the end that we use our occupation of the islands as a means of dictating the most advantageous terms of peace and enhancing our prestige, without becoming involved in foreign complications. That we could occupy the islands permanently without becoming so involved, and without inviting European Powers to attempt aggression or this hemisphere, seems impossible.

Mr. Chamberlain's words regarding an Anglo-Saxon alliance were, of course, gratifying. But to his statement respecting Lord Salisbury's policy and the better understanding between the two nations resulting therefrom, was equally gratifying, and more important and significant. During Salisbury's ministry the two nations have come to a thorough understanding regarding the Monroe doctrine, as witness the Venezuela case. This understanding emphasizes the wisdom of our adhering rigidly to that doctrine, which, as long as it is maintained inviolate, will keep our influence supreme in our half of the world. Our "better understanding" with Great Britain leaves its maintenance inviolate with us.

USELESS SQUIRMING.
Governor Black, of New York, has been to Washington and has had an interview with the Secretary of War with reference to the Seventh Regiment. The result of it is the Secretary will not help the Seventh out of the hole that it has put itself into. The Seventh will not be ordered out for duty at Fort Monroe anywhere else. The Empire State has secured her quota of men, and will be dispensed with. And if the regiment were to parade the streets of New York just now, it would receive hoots and jeers instead of the huzzas to which it has long been accustomed. It has won the reputation of making excellent soldiers in time of peace, and fine citizens in time of war, and that reputation will stick to it for a long time to come.

As for the Thirteenth Regiment (of Brooklyn), Governor Black has resisted the most tremendous political pressure and has refused to revoke his order disbanding it. An effort was made to put the whole responsibility for the regiment's failing to appear at camp upon its colonel, but the Governor would not consent to go into details or reopen the question. It was sufficient for him to know that he ordered the regiment to report at camp and the majority of the officers and men failed to do so.

Governor Black says he disbanded the regiment, not for failing to volunteer, but for failing to respond to his summons to report at the State camp. However, not all of the Thirteenth's companies are in disgrace. Four of them not only went into camp, but volunteered, and it is understood that this battalion will become the nucleus of the new Thirteenth, which will be formed as soon as this war is over.

The question, "Are Old Bachelors of More Use to Society than Old Maids?" was debated at a church entertainment in Baltimore a few nights ago, but unfortunately for the deeply interested public, the matter was found to be too serious for hasty decision, and was left open. Much was said on both sides, but we do not care to assume the responsibility of printing the conclusions which we have drawn from the arguments. The following from one of the lady speakers is dangerously near the mark, however, and might decide some prejudiced minds: "Bachelors are cranks, but over their own affairs. Old maids are cranks over the affairs of other people. Bachelors are usually professional men, who, in the friction of public life, get the corners and angles rubbed off. Old maids always bristle with angles."

A gentleman, who was evidently either married or tremendously anxious to get married, wielded some very forcible rhetorical cudgels in behalf of the spinster class. Here are some of his remarks: "Without any irreverence, I can say that God never intended the old bachelor to exist. Take the history of man before the fall. Adam was given no option, and so far as I know, he entered no protest. Now, the only conclusion that I can draw from this fact—that God did not create the old bachelor—is, that he must be an invention of the evil one."

The question under discussion at the church entertainment was not an entirely original one, and while we have warily abstained from committing ourselves, we have often heard it discussed. Why doesn't some philanthropist settle the whole matter by "bringing the two factions together" and yoking them in the bonds of matrimony? Any lawyer will admit that a compromise is better than a final verdict.

One of our State exchanges remarks that it would be perfectly feasible to make sugar out of sorghum, which is so successfully raised in Virginia, and thus solve the problem of how to save the sum paid out annually for sugar.

That strikes us as rather a sly way of stirring up among ex-Confederates recollections of dyspeptic quins calculated to make them fighting mad in this crisis.

But our contemporary may have made assurance double sure in respect of this matter by rounding off its article with a little dissertation on the deliciousness of Nassau pork.

A superabundance of ham and bread on the daily bill of fare at Camp Lee has created among our military a decided sentiment against the annexation of the Sandwich Islands.

FIRST AND LAST GUNS.
Here we are in the midst of a new war, though we have not yet succeeded in settling two important questions with respect to the great struggle for southern independence.

It has never been determined beyond cavil who was the first Confederate soldier killed in 1861. Nor has it been determined who fired the last gun in that war. There were a number of our soldiers killed by the enemy before the battle of Big Bethel was fought, but the Dispatch is in the habit of saying that "young Wyatt was the first Confederate killed in line of battle" in 1861. About that fact we think there can hardly be any dispute. Men had fallen in our cause before that day; but we think Wyatt was the first to meet death where the contending forces stood in battle array.

The first American blood shed in this war was at Manila, where some of Commodore Dewey's men were wounded. The first of our men killed was at Cardenas, where five lost their lives simultaneously by the explosion amongst them of a Spanish shell. No one is able to say which of these was the first to die. But unquestionably young Bagley was the first—and up to this time the only—American officer to be killed in this war. And Bagley, like Wyatt, was from North Carolina.

That much of this war's history we have correct, certainly. Now let us watch and see who fires our last gun; the "boom" that is to usher in Spain's suit for peace.

Yes; that last gun is the music we wish to hear, but we do not expect it until we have disposed of the Cape Verde fleet. When we shall have sunk or dispersed that modern Armada, nothing will remain for Spain to do but to ask for terms. She will then be powerless to defend her own home cities, to say nothing of her Cuban and other Colonial cities. What would be the sense of Havana's holding out longer than? Soldiers and citizens there are already on very short rations, and in a few weeks they will be upon the point of starvation. Blanco is holding out now, hoping for relief through the instrumentality of the Cape Verde fleet. That is his only hope! That is the only rift in the clouds overhanging him; all else is darkness.

The Dispatch does not expect uninterrupted success to follow our arms. Doubtless, we shall have disappointments; doubtless we shall have reverses, like that at Cardenas, but these will only anger our people the more and cause them to put forth greater strength. In the end—which we believe to be not remote—Spain will have to beg for peace. Nor need she trust to active foreign intervention in her behalf. So long as England is our friend the continental Powers will give Spain unlimited supplies of advice and sympathy, but no actual help. And so we are desirous of hearing the last gun of this war; the gun that will announce our work done, our victory complete, and that will give leave to our volunteers to break camp and return to the pursuits of peace, bringing with them good stores of experience and a fresh stock of veterans' reminiscences.

LAWYERS AND JURIES.
In a recent address on "Trial by Jury," Attorney-General Knowlton, of Massachusetts, said lawyers of the Webster type are not of this age, and that oratorical flights are no longer appreciated by the court or the jury. "The great art of jury argument," says he, "is first to get your good point, and when you have got it, drive it home by repetition. Throw away your doubtful issues and hammer at the plain features. Try to make each of the twelve men see as you see, and after the case has been given to the jury go home."

There is both wisdom and consolation in these remarks; wisdom from the standpoint of the jury and consolation to the attorney who realizes his lack of eloquence. A learned member of the bar once recommended to his juniors as one of the prerequisites to success a knowledge of how "to sit down" at the right time, and truly he could not have given better advice.

And you there are scores of lawyers who, when once on their feet, are loath to yield the floor. They know not how to let well enough alone, and under the soothing influence of their own voices they talk away the verdicts, which, by less persuasion, they might have won.

To our mind, there is one notable characteristic about all juries, and this is their sworn that they assume a look of abject misery and patient resignation, which nothing can drive away. Their duty is an honorable one, but it is likewise tiresome, and wise is the lawyer who plainly lets them know that his loquacity will not delay their dinners.

Common law pleading has as its paramount object the elimination of all unnecessary matters, and the prompt production of an issue, but, unfortunately, the "horse sense" of our wise old ancestors has not left us so strong a bridle for legal tongues as it has a check on prolix legal pens. And so the jury oftentimes suffer and the judge sighs, and the laity conclude that of all the professions law is the dullest and the dullest.

It is pretty safe to predict that no lawyer will discard that part of Mr. Knowlton's advice which urges counsel to seek to make the jury see things their way. To us, it seems that this is the root of all the evil. Herein lies the trouble, for it is in his efforts to cajole the twelve bored gentlemen into seeing through his spectacles that the average attorney weaves this web of loquacity in which he so often entangles himself. The brethren of the green bag should remember that it is not always the doing of a thing that brings success, but "the way you do it."

ARMY HEALTH MEASURES.
There has been a good deal of discussion as to the health measures that should be resorted to for the protection of our army of invasion of Cuba.

Captain Ashburner, of this city, who saw long service with the British army in hot climates, gave in a recent conversation two pointers in respect to this matter. He said the British soldiers in India and other quarters of the globe under similar climate were required to wear under their clothing a pad that extended across the shoulders and down the spine, as a protection against the sun.

They were also required to wear a band of woollen material around the abdomen, and so necessary was this latter precaution considered that to neglect it was to incur severe punishment.

If we mistake not, the late General William B. Tallaferro told us that the abdomen band was a part of the personal equipment of our army in Mexico. We know that he stated that those in his immediate command were required to wear these bands, and that he had great faith in them as preventives of certain ailments.

It is Spring.
We know it's spring because the thing has copiously dripped.
With sop and flax to prove it is
With moisture well equipped.

And as we're poked with overshoes
Umbrellas, day and week.
We're quite in frame to call the same
A spring that's sprung a leak.

Consolation.
We were engaged, but later on
The fickle dame shook me,
And hope and interest in life
Thereafter quite forsook me.

But subsequent events did quite
My disappointment mellow,
For now she's married, and each day
She shakes the other fellow.

Timely Advice.
Hasty: You've been employed in newspaper work a good many years, haven't you?

Graves: Nearly all my life.
Hasty: I think I am out for that business myself, and mean to try it.
What paper would you advise me to begin on?

Graves: By all means, begin with a piece of sand-paper, and rub down your bump of self-conceit.

Took It Out of His Hands.
Questioner: They tell me that your sister, Emma, has been married while I have been away.

Jester: Yes; she married Dobbins.

Questioner: Dobbins? Let me see. What business is he in?

Jester: Well, before marriage he was an embosser, but ever since, Em does the bossing herself.

Defying Nature.
Tommy: Pa, have fish any feet?
Pa: Of course, not, my boy.

Tommy: Are you sure about that?
Isn't there any kind of fish that have feet?

Pa: Certainly not.

Tommy: There must be some mistake about it, because Uncle Jim said he saw a fish-stand in the market yesterday.

Rather Strange.
Lipper: I don't know of two more valuable persons than Mrs. Mack and her sister; in the matter of tongue athletics it's a tie between them.

Chipper: That's strange, isn't it?
Lipper: What is there strange about it?

Chipper: Why, that they should be so voluble and yet tongue-tied.

Fit the Requirement.
Householder: I am looking for a couple of domestics to serve in my family.
Employment Agent: I guess we can supply you, sir; your name, please.

Householder: My name is Pish.
Employment Agent: Ah! Then, of course, you would prefer a couple of Finns.

Suspicious.
Mills (at restaurant table): Better try some of these sausages; they're fine.
Fritts: They look nice, but I'm rather shy of them, for all that.

Mills: For what reason?
Fritts: I see by the bill-of-fare that they are served with "curry" sauce.

A Blazing Match.
Dumberton: I see that Reinsman has been getting a new team of horses.
Flasher: Yes; I saw them this morning.

Dumberton: They can go like blazing, too.
Flasher: That's because they are so well matched.

Lucky, Indeed.
Creel: Hello, Reel! The last time I met you were talking of some big fishing excursion you were going on.

Reel: Yes, I remember.
Creel: Did you have any luck?

Reel: I should say I did; I didn't go.

A dentist may not be naturally chicken-hearted, but in a business way there is a good deal of the pull-it about him.

When the professional choir-singer raises his voice he does it in the hope of raising his salary as well.

There are other dogs than the watchdogs that can make a hare spring.

When a bicyclist takes an tanning it develops into an outing.

A very reasonable personage—the fly-caster.

Literary Notes.
Early numbers of McClure's Magazine will contain articles by General Mills on Military Europe, and a batch of letters written by Carlyle to his mother and to his sister, Mrs. Janet Manning, who died recently at her home in Canada.

Messrs. D. Appleton & Co. will publish George Moore's novel, "Evelyn Innes," during this month.

A new story, "The Silver Skull," by Crockett, will be begun in the August Pall Mall Magazine. It is a tale of adventure in Italy in the first quarter of the century.

Mr. T. Fisher Unwin will publish in London Mrs. Pennell's chapters on crossing the Alps on a bicycle, with illustrations by Mr. Pennell.

It is said that a collected edition of Anthony Hope's writings will be published.

A volume of stories of adventure, by Mr. Harry de Windt, author of a book of travels in Alaska, published by the Harpers, is in press.

Messrs. T. S. Crowell & Co. expect to publish Tolstoy's book on Art on or about June 1st.

Miss Mary Wilkins' novel, "Madelon," has been dramatized by the Hon. Stephen Coleridge.

"Princeton, Old and New," is the title of a volume by James W. Alexander, Vice-President of the Eutaw Life Assurance Society, who is a devoted friend of the University.

Death of Dr. Harrison.
Well-Known Physician of Clarke—James L. Carter Passes Away.

BERRYVILLE, VA., May 14.—(Special.) Dr. Benjamin Harrison, one of the best-known physicians in the lower valley, died at his residence, near Millwood, Clarke county, on Wednesday, aged 75 years. Dr. Harrison had not been in good health for several years, and his death was not unexpected. He leaves a wife and three children—Mrs. A. B. Bevan and Mr. Gwin Harrison, of this county, and Dr. Benjamin Harrison, of Richmond, Va. The funeral services took place on Friday evening at the old chapel.

JAMES L. CARTER DEAD.
Mr. James L. Carter, one of the most-respected citizens of this county, died very unexpectedly at his home, near the old chapel, on Thursday night. Mr. Carter had enjoyed unusually good health all his life. He had been attending to his ordinary round of duties on the day preceding his demise, and retired seemingly well, but shortly thereafter he was taken with a severe spell of coughing and expired in a few minutes. He was 67 years of age, and leaves a large family to mourn his death.

Mr. John H. Shackelford and Miss Margaret V. Greenwalt were married here on Thursday, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dr. R. R. Hough, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The groom is a well-known contractor and builder of this place.

A SEVERE STORM.
The severest rain- and hail-storm experienced here for years visited this section on Wednesday evening.

The hail was small, but did not do a great deal of damage, but rain beat vegetation down terribly. The corn-fields suffered, especially from the washing of the freshly-ploughed ground. The streets of the town were filled with water from curb to curb, a thing rarely witnessed here.

A delightful dance was given by Miss Rebecca Green, at "Norwood," on last Tuesday evening to her many young friends in the county. Refreshments were served during the evening, and the dancing was kept up until late hour.

Among those present were Misses Alice and Louise Claggett, Anna Moore, Edith Morrison, Louise Hardesty, and Bernice Crown, and Messrs. Mack, James, and Norton Claggett, Edgar and Nick Moore, Howell and Maurice Castleman, W. H. H. Stephens, Albert H. Burne, and John, Fred, and Rice Crown.

HE IS A PATRIOT.
Mr. Blackburn Smith, one of the most prominent of our young attorneys, Mayor of the town of Berryville, and commander of the Virginia Division of the Sons of Veterans, resigned everything, gave up a lucrative practice, and left this week to join the Hawaiian Islands as a private, to serve in the war between this country and Spain.

Hon. Edwin Thurman, of Chicago, Ill., is visiting his brother, General Charles Thurman, at "Thurmansville," near Berryville. Mr. Thurman is a distinguished member of the Chicago bar, and has the reputation of being a fine speaker. He is also prominent in Chicago business circles, being president of the Coffee- and Rubber-Growers' Association of Illinois, which does large business in Mexico.

Mr. Thurman is also an attorney for the Fidelity and Casualty Company, one of the strongest institutions of its kind in the country. Mr. Thurman is president of the Virginian and West Virginian Society, of Chicago, and vice-president of the Southern Society, of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert B. Ward, of England, are at the residence of the Misses Crow. Mr. and Mrs. Ward came to this country last fall, and have been wintering in Florida.

Miss Elvira Cabell, of "Norwood," Nelson county, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. Moore, Jr., at "Cleft Oak."

Dr. Harry Utley, of Monroe, N. C., has been visiting friends in the county this week.

Mrs. Gordon Van Hook, of Washington, D. C., is visiting her father, Dr. R. P. Page, in Berryville, Va.

Mrs. John B. Neill and Master J. Baldwin Neill are visiting relatives in Jefferson county, W. Va.

Green Bay Mention.
GREEN BAY, VA., May 14.—(Special.)—Carpenters have commenced work on the church, being built here by the Disciples, and from now on work will be pushed until the building is completed.

Mr. John P. Walton, a prominent merchant of Farmville and a member of that denomination, forwarded the Building Committee \$50 to aid in the work.

The church that is now owned by the Disciples has been sold to Messrs. R. W. Price and W. C. Smith. It is not known what dispositions these gentlemen will make of it.

Miss Sarah Hardy, after a delightful visit to Crewe, has returned home.

Mr. John Hardy, of Lynchburg, is now on a visit to his wife, Mrs. George W. Hardy, Superintendent of Schools of Loudoun county.

Mr. J. S. Moon, Jr., of Richmond, was in the village this week.

The war fever is somewhat on the increase in our village. Mr. W. W. Wray has decided to volunteer, and will leave in a few days for Richmond. Mr. M. S. Price, of Meherrin, has joined the Stuart Horse Guard.

Eczema TEN YEARS.
Suffered Untold Agonies. Limbs Swollen So Could Not Get About.

Ablest Physicians Signally Failed. Was Absolutely Disheartened. Had Lost All Hope.

Gave Cuticura A Trial, Which Resulted in Absolute and Perfect Cure.

Forten years I suffered untold agonies from that dread disease Eczema, my lower limbs most of the time being so swollen and broken out that I could hardly go about. I had to wear slippers so that I could move about at all. My brother, a physician of thirty years' practice and extensive experience, had tried in vain to effect a cure and signally failed. I tried other physicians of splendid ability with like results, and had reached that point where I became absolutely disheartened, and in fact had lost all hope, when a friend induced me to give CUTICURA a trial. I used two cakes of CUTICURA SOAP and two boxes of CUTICURA Ointment, and it resulted in an absolute and perfect cure. I am now perfectly cured, sound as a dollar, and to CUTICURA REMEDIES I attribute my almost miraculous cure. I refer all interested to the Postmaster of this place, any of the ministers, the prominent business men, and all the citizens of our village, who can testify, and especially to my friend, John A. B. Shipley, attorney at law, who persuaded me to give CUTICURA REMEDIES a trial.